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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jennifer Y. Sun et al.

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FOR: YTTRIUM OXIDE BASED SURFACE COATING
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR IC PROCESSING
VACUUM CHAMBERS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1763
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AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

This Amendment "A" is in response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of August 6, 2003.

Claims 1 - 12 are pending in the application.

Claims 6 - 12 are withdrawn from consideration under a restriction requirement.

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Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication No. 03287797, to Inazawa et al.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inazawa et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,798,016, to Oehrlein et al.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inazawa et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0003271, to Otsuki.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inazawa et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001023908, to Okada et al.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inazawa et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,521,046, to Tanaka et al.

Please amend the application as follows: